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**ABSTRACT**

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A method of signalling in a telecommunications system that includes a Call Control level and a Bearer Control level, where the Call Control level includes a plurality of Media Gateway Controllers and the Bearer Control level includes a plurality of Media Gateways, each of which is controlled by a Media Gateway Controller. The method includes allocating to each Media Gateway at least one address that corresponds to one of a plurality of different addressing formats, and conveying these addresses between peer Media Gateway Controllers by encapsulating them using a Network Service Access Point addressing format.

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